

SCHWAB SETTLES \$50,000,000 TANGLE

Difficulty With Britain Over Shell Contract With Russia Adjusted.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Plans for sale of \$50,000,000 Bethlehem Steel notes announced today revealed the fact that a tangle which has held up a \$70,000,000 shell contract with the Russian government has been cleared. The loan sought by the corporation is to be used in completing the shell contract. Charles M. Schwab announced it is secured by \$20,000,000 Bethlehem bonds and \$40,000,000 British short term notes, which he considers "good gold."

These notes were the ones against which the Federal Reserve Board recently issued a warning to reserve board banks. It was reported in Wall Street last month that Great Britain, which is financing Russia's purchase of the big munition supply, has been holding up payments on shells. Up to that time the steel company had delivered about 1,000,000 shells. The shells were accepted and passed by the inspectors, but payments are said to have been refused because of a disagreement over the time of delivery. Mr. Schwab said this was the only point of difference involved and that there had been no question as to the quality of the munitions delivered. The Bethlehem company, as the situation was explained, has been compelled several times to ask for extensions of time.

Cause of the Delay.
This principally was occasioned, it was said, not through any fault of the company, but because the Russian government was slow in sending its specifications and more than once altered the specifications after work was begun on the order. The Bethlehem company under the new arrangement will have about a year in which to complete the entire order given by the Russian government and an understanding has been reached which will protect the company in the event of further changes or delays in the specifications. Mr. Schwab said that the representatives of the allied governments had acted in a broad and liberal spirit in the negotiations and that both parties to the contract were satisfied with the outcome.

SOPHS ABUSE ENGLISH

Lehigh Students Show Inability to Use Mother Tongue.
SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 19.—Posted on one of the bulletin boards in Coppee Hall, Lehigh University, are several sentences illustrating the English used by members of the sophomore class in the mid-year examinations which have just come to an end. They are as follows:
"He alone travelled over the reluctant lyather."
"His anxious heart heard out of him the scoldings that had to follow."
"He started up at the blew hew-ers."
"Fra Sorge is an allogical individual."
"Both were aligned in their fullness and the water was suppressed when he set fire to his own barn after being on the balance."
"When they saw that he was burdened with wurst they took it from him."
"He done it of his own accord."
"The father layed on the bed of pain."
"In pale hours he grasped the hand of his wife."
"Her broken heart already gave forth its retreating beats which we all must follow."

MONKEY PLAYS UKELELE

And Zoo Officials Plan to Present Him to Dancing Snake.
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—This is the story of a dancing bull snake and a ukelele-playing monkey. The facts were gathered by testators and written by a man from a prohibition State.
Fannie, a turbulent tailed chimpanzee at the Bronx Zoo, fell heir to a demoralized ukelele gitten from somewhere by Keeper Bill Snyder. Bill says Fannie has learned to play two bars of "Home, Sweet Home," keeping time by swinging her tail pendulum wise from her tail rack.
George McCoy spread consternation and the bull snake all over the police station when he left it with him and he didn't want it. He told the snake stricken police to whistle and the snake would dance instead of following them. They did.
Now the plan is to present the dancing snake to the ukelele-playing monkey and let them stage a perpetual concert and ball among themselves.

TRADE AUTO FOR POTATOES

Agent Exchange \$1,100 Car for 150 Bush of Spuds.
CARLETON, Me., Feb. 19.—Potatoes reached the topnotch price of the season yesterday when a deal was closed for 3,000 barrels at \$8.40 a barrel for March and April delivery. Last year at this date the price was \$2.75 and in 1915 they were moving slowly at 50 cents a barrel.
Yesterday an automobile agent traded a new \$1,100 car for 150 barrels of potatoes for future delivery.

LEGALIZES SUNDAY FISHING

Bill in Pennsylvania Legislature Introduced by Socialist.
HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 19.—Fishing on Sunday, according to Representative Maurer, the Socialist member from Reading, should be legalized, and by a bill introduced by him in the house this would be accomplished. Mr. Maurer's measure concludes:
"Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same that it shall be lawful to fish on the day commonly called Sunday."

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SUBURBS OF THE CAPITAL

Annual Convention of the Alexandria Sunday School Association Will Be Held Tuesday, February 27.

ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 19.—The annual convention of the Alexandria Sunday School Association will be held Tuesday, February 27, in the Trinity Methodist Church. The first session will open at 2:30 in the afternoon, at which reports will be given by the superintendents of the various departments of Sunday school work in the city schools. An address will be delivered by Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, on "How the Home Department Can Help the Pastor." John Herndon will speak on "Teacher Training." Judge Louis C. Barley will tell of his experiences with the Bible class of Christ Church, and brief addresses on various phases of Sunday school work will be given by Miss Bessie Elliott, Miss Harriet Pollard, Miss Helen Cummings, Melvin Pitts, P. L. Slaymaker, and Mrs. Wm. Campbell. A rally will be held in the evening, at which the Rev. Harry Dawson Mitchell, D. D., of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, of Washington, will deliver an address on "Sunday School Efficiency."

The fourth quarterly conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will be held this evening at 7:30 in the lecture room of the church.

President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson motored through Alexandria yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock on their way to Fehick Church, where they went for a drive.

The funeral of Frederick G. Ayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Ayers, was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church today, the Rev. L. F. Kelly officiating.

Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, and Elmer Thompson, who were elected delegates to represent that church at the Layman's League to be held in Lexington, opening tomorrow and continuing until Friday. Mr. Thompson left last night and Dr. Allison will join him in Lexington tomorrow.

Prof. Forest Cole, director of music for the Rev. Gypsy Smith, Jr., will be one of the soloists at the recital to be given this evening at St. Paul's Church by the Church Choral Society. An interesting program has been arranged including several numbers from the standard repertory.

Miss E. Gertrude Myerhoeffer was operated upon for appendicitis at the Alexandria hospital, yesterday by Dr. Moore and Mc Guire.

Lieut. William Worth Dempsey, U. S. A., who has been the infantry service at Eagle Pass, Texas, has been transferred to the 14th Cavalry.

August and Leo Pohl were home from Eastern College to spend the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pohl, in Rosemont.

Reading rooms for the Boy Scouts will be opened this evening in the rear of the room of the Chamber of Commerce, on South Washington street. All boys are welcome whether they are members of the Scouts' organization or not. The rooms will be open every evening from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. On each evening there will be an address by a prominent speaker. The rooms also are to be headquarters for the Alexandria branch of the B. O. C. S.

The semi-annual musicale of St. Mary's Academy attracted a large number of friends of the students and members of the faculty on Friday evening.

Sugar retailed in the grocery stores here Saturday at ten cents a pound, only a limited supply being allowed to each customer, as the stock on hand was reported very small.

NEWS AT ANACOSTIA

Bishop Harding Urges Congregation to Stand Behind President.

Bishop Harding paid his annual visit to Emmanuel Church at the morning service yesterday and administered the sacrament of confirmation to a large class, which was presented by the rector, the Rev. W. O. Roome, Jr. Bishop Harding also preached the sermon. He urged the congregation to stand back of the President in the present international crisis, and if need arose to fight for American principles of freedom. The rector emeritus, the Rev.

Willard G. Davenport, occupied a seat in the chancel.

The Bradbury Heights Citizens' Association will meet tonight in the school near the Bowen road.

George S. Stewart, of 1612 A street, while driving along Nichols avenue, near Sterling street yesterday afternoon, collided with a wagon owned and driven by Robert Hoyle.

NEWS AT HYATTSVILLE

County Commissioners to Meet March 6 to Make Annual Levy.

The board of commissioners for Prince George's county will sit at the court house on March 6, 7, and 8 to make the annual levy. The levy for 1917 will be made on the same assessable basis as 1916, but it is said the tax rate will be reduced about 15 cents.

The semi-monthly meeting of the Hyattsville volunteer fire department will be held tonight.

The annual Government inspection of Company F, of the State guard, will be held next Wednesday night. The inspecting officers will be Brigadier General Galtier and Adjutant General Warfield, of the State guard.

The State armory commission will visit Hyattsville Wednesday to select a site upon which to construct the armory for Company F, provided for by an act of the last legislature.

WILL MEAN FARM TO TABLE SERVICE

Highway Planned to Put Capital in Communication With More Farmers.

A new farm-to-table parcel post service for Washington will follow construction of a new Maryland highway extending from Rhode Island avenue through the northern end of Prince George's county, it plans of Postmaster Merritt O. Chance carry. County commissioners of Prince George's county have authorized an expenditure of \$15,000 for construction of this road to open up the territory in the northern portion of the county, which is now without good roads facilities. The road will make a new high way into the National Capital from Maryland. It probably will be of concrete, and in addition to opening a new source of market supply, will provide a short cut from any section of the city to the Baltimore boulevard. One grade crossing will be eliminated on the new road, as the Baltimore and Ohio tracks will be bridged, about 200 yards beyond the present overhead structure on the Brentwood road. Farm-to-table service has been instituted by the postoffice between the Capital and southern Maryland, as well as to the counties east of the city and in northern Virginia, and Postmaster Chance will take up the question of a new service as soon as the roadway is opened.

It will be necessary to secure action by the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General before new routes can be instituted. It is probable, however, that any recommendation of the Postmaster will receive approval. Such a service would be as beneficial to the county territory as to Washington, as it would give direct free mail deliveries instead of present facilities through fourth class offices.

Postmaster Chance is issuing today two circulars, giving names and addresses of producers who are anxious to supply Washington families direct with farm produce, particularly butter, eggs, poultry, hams and dairy products.

One of the lists gives producers by States, and the other by products, which they have available for direct shipment. All of those listed are within the first zone of Washington. The lists containing hundreds of names give complete directions on parcel post buying, even including a list of those who are prepared to furnish containers. It will be distributed to Washington householders.

HIGHEST PAID PASTOR QUILTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Rev. Worth M. Tippy, pastor of Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, the highest salaried pastor in his denomination, has accepted a secretary in charge of social service in the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

D. C. MILITIA MASCOT KILLED BY TRUCK

"Billy," Machine Gun Company's Dog, Meets Death on the Border.

CAMP WILSON, SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 19.—At the height of the celebration by the District Machine Gun Company members, over the news that they had been ordered home, gloom settled over their camp. The merry-makers were suddenly saddened by the tragic death of "Billy," the company's mascot, whose life was crushed out by a ponderous army truck.

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"Billy" was a volunteer. He watched the District militia as it marched from its armory to Fort Myer on June 21, and deliberately picked out the Machine Gun Company as the organization he would join. The soldiers in this command said the dog knew good fighters when he saw them.

The mascot participated in all the hikes, knew "right dress" and "parade dress," turned out for parade, and never had to be told when mess was served.

"Billy" was obedience itself and never had to be disciplined for overstaying leave or infractions of military regulations. Although young, he was a good enough soldier to take the weather, the duties and the life as they came.

He was just a plain dog, with an unsurpassed companionship, which endeared him to the Machine Gun Company.

As the mascot was completing his rounds at dusk and crossing one of the camp roads to Capt. Herbert Earnshaw's tent, a rapidly moving army truck ran over him.

"Billy" was buried with full military honors, the entire Machine Gun Company, under command of First Lieut. Frank B. Schlosser, turning out to attend the ceremonies, which concluded with the sounding of "taps" and the firing of a volley with pistols.

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VILLA WINS TOWN, 400 HUNT BANDITS

Guadalupe, Near Border, Taken. Cowboys Invade Mexico For Revenge.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 19.—Guadalupe, thirty miles southeast of Juarez, has been reported captured by a band of Villistas under Manuel Ocha, according to reports reaching the border today.

A band of American cowboys under command of Andrew Peterson, ex-father of an American killed by Mexicans in the raid on the Corner ranch last week, has invaded Mexico in an attempt to punish the bandits, according to advices here. In the posse are 400 Americans, all fully armed.

Advices were received from Lieut. Col. J. C. Waterman, at Chachita, that a body of Carranza cavalry from Sonora, under Major Garcia, were south of Lang's ranch, near Corner ranch, and was moving westward against Salazar.

The report of two Americans having been killed at the Gibson ranch, fourteen miles west of Columbus, which reached El Paso last night, so far is unconfirmed.

The murders have aroused the entire Southwest, and with Peterson, actively organizing expeditions considerable trouble is feared.

Jose Ynez Salazar, with forces estimated at about 500 men, is reported to be moving westward from Ojitos.

VALUATION PROTEST MARCH 1

The Interstate Commerce Commission today fixed March 1 for hearing the protest of the Atlanta, Birmingham, and Atlantic Railroad Company against the valuation of the railroad's property, recently established by the Commission.

Travelers should be careful of the water they drink.

Ask for White Rock water. It is the same all over the world.

Old Dutch Market

Our Markets Will Close at Noon

Washington's Birthday

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NEWS!

FANCY KALE 1/2 pk... **20c**

FANCY LARGE LEMONS, doz... **15c**

FLORIDA ORANGES 25c grade, dozen... **19c**

30c grade, dozen... **25c**

Pure Lard, Open Kettle Rendered, Lb. **20c**

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THIS SALE

Pound—21c

SPECIAL SALE OF STEAKS!

Cut From Prime Native Beef

Porterhouse, lb. 28c

Sirloin, lb. 26c

Round, lb. 24c

Hamburg, lb. 18c

SLICED BEEF LIVER, lb. 12c

CREAMERY BUTTER—

Derrydale Brand, 1-lb. print... **44c**

MARIGOLD OLEO—

1-lb. print... **25c**

PURE CREAMERY BUTTER.

Holland Belle Brand, 1-lb. print... **49c**

COMPOUND—

A lard substitute, lb. **17c**

LENTEN FOODS!

The Lenten Season begins on Wednesday next. You will find a most complete stock of canned, smoked, salt and fresh fish at all of our markets; also other Lenten foods, such as macaroni, rice, cereals, at relatively low prices, quality considered. The prices of the Lenten Foods listed here will prevail until closing time Thursday.

CANNED SALMON

A highly nutritious and palatable food, at a reasonable cost.

1 lb. Tall Can, **18c**

6 Cans, **\$1.05**

1 lb. Tall Can, **13c**

6 Cans, **75c**

No. 1/2 Can, **15c**

6 Cans, **78c**

No. 1 Can, **24c**

6 Cans, **\$1.40**

RICE!

Healthful and nutritious food. Good as a vegetable or dessert.

FANCY WHOLE HEAD, 3 1/2 lbs. **25c**

FANCY JAPAN STYLE, 4 lbs. **25c**

BROKEN HEAD, 5 lbs. **25c**

DRY PACK SHRIMP

Small Can... **10c**

Large Can... **17c**

SMOKED BLOATERS, 3 for **11c**

LARGE SALT LABRADOR HERRING, 3 for **10c**

Salt Mackerel!

With the tang of the briny sea. Appetizing for breakfast. Our varieties consist of fancy grades at reasonable prices.

Tuna Fish, Large No. 1 Can 25c

Domestic Oil Sardines 2 Cans **9c**

Salt Fish — for fish balls, etc., lb. 11c

Imported Smoked Sardines, in oil, can 10c

Fish Roe, can. 14c

Salt Cod, extra fine, lb. . 15c

Skinner's Macaroni and Spaghetti Large Pkg. **.8c** | Small Pkg. **.4c**

Spanish Mackerel, lb. . . . 20c

Fancy Melt Shad, each . . 60c

FRESH HERRING 6 for **25c** each **5c**

Salt Water Oysters— solid measure, qt. **40c**

Trout, Lb. 12 1/2c

Butterfish, Lb. 12 1/2c

Croakers, Lb. 12 1/2c

Sea Bass, Lb. 12 1/2c

I always carry a tin of Velvet in my hip pocket, an' when I see trouble comin' I draw fir-t.

Velvet Joe